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REPLY

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Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the Request for Information issued for the above-identified application on November 3, 2006. The Request for Information asks where in the specification the Examiner could find support for limitations added to any amended claims.

In the Amendment filed August 15, 2006, Applicant amended independent claim 17 to recite that the barrel of the pistol is moved rearward in an axial direction to activate the recited sealing device. The originally filed specification at page 2, lines 10-27 explains that as the trigger of the gun is pulled, the barrel is moved rearward. The rearward movement of the barrel operates the sealing element to isolate the chamber with respect to the ammunition magazine. These features are also discussed at page 5, lines 14-18. The features are further discussed in various other locations throughout the detailed description.

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Prompt and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested. If the Examiner requires any additional information, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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